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1. Poskrebyshov, Alexander Nikolaevich He became chief personal secretary of Stalin after the death of Tovtukha. In the beginning of the 1930's Stalin created a tremendous secretariat called the Fifth Section of the Central Committee and this section reported directly to Stalin. Malenkov was in charge of it. Poskrebyshov also belonged to this section, but took care of Stalin's personal affairs.

the post of a personal secretary in the Soviet Union carries much greater authority than that in the West. Actually, on occasions, secretaries act as deputies to their chiefs; for instance, UNCODEDIAL secretary of Ordzhonikidze was the most important person next to him and even such figures as Nicholai Piatakov could not argue with him. A similar situation existed in the office of Kaganovich and all other Soviet dignitaries, that is, all personal secretaries occupied the second immediate position after their bosses. Poskrebyshv's case was no different and he acted for Stalin on numerous occasions. It seems certain that Poskrebyshv will now fall from his heights unless he is able to attach himself to a new star as he himself is not much. He had held his position of Stalin's secretary only because of his unswerving loyalty.

2. While Poskrebyshev was Stalin's personal secretary, a former "Chekist" by the name of Vlasuk was the chief of Stalin's personal guard and most devoted to Stalin. Poskrebyshev is particularly interesting insofar as he knows a great deal of what is going on in the Central Committee, Party, Government, and the Ministries, their morale, appointments, etc. He was certainly in a position where he could play an important role and many people, looking for favors, kowtowed to him.

3. Mikoyan, Anastasiy Ivanovich

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4. Mikoyan was a typical Armenian with all the Armenian traits. He was a very effective trader having come from the city of Rostov. His career was built by Stalin. An extremely capable, very sly, and very clever man, he is outliving a great many people and it seems he will outlive many more. He has a physical deformity. He has crooked hands as a result of an earlier bone disease. He is of small stature [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] Very clever but a good man. He never did anything 25X1  
nasty to anyone, but on the other hand helped a great many who did. He never played a significant role in the Party or government activities. As a matter of fact he never tried to play such a role, but as a prominent Party worker and member of the government, he occupies a position of importance, although not a decisive one; he never will have a decisive position [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] he will not try to get one; Mikoyan always plays ball with the various Kremlin groups and [redacted] at the moment he belongs to the Beria crowd. 25X1
5. Orlov, G M - Orlov is also Beria's man. Former minister of the Forestry Industry in Georgia. [redacted]  
Likes to drink, is not of a domineering personality, without great ambitions, but a good worker and excellent organizer in his field. He will obey Beria 25X1  
explicitly because he realizes that it was Beria who actually created him from nothing into a key personality in the Soviet Union. He is a typical Russian and likes to have a good time.

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